# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

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Case No .:

Plaintiff,

VS.

**COMPLAINT** 

LTD Financial Services, L.P., a foreign limited partnership,

**JURY TRIAL DEMAND** 

Defendant.

NOW COMES THE PLAINTIFF, ROSIE MEEKS, BY AND THROUGH COUNSEL, Jacqueline Piland, and for her Complaint against the Defendant, pleads as follows:

#### **JURISDICTION**

 This court has jurisdiction under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. §§1331,1337.

#### **VENUE**

- 2. The transactions and occurrences which give rise to this action occurred in the City of Decatur, Dekalb County, Georgia.
- 3. Venue is proper in the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff is a natural person residing in City of Decatur, Dekalb County, Georgia.
- 5. The Defendant to this lawsuit is LTD Financial Services, L.P., is a foreign limited partnership that conducts business in the State of Georgia.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- Defendant is attempting to collect a consumer type debt owed by Plaintiff to Cottonwood Capital Property in the amount of \$2,393.00 ("the Alleged Debt").
- On March 16, 2018, Plaintiff obtained her Trans Union credit disclosure and noticed the Alleged Debt reporting.
- On or about May 23, 2018, Plaintiff submitted a letter to Defendant disputing the Alleged Debt.
- On June 8, 2018, Credco, a prospective lender, obtained Plaintiff's Trans
   Union credit disclosure.
- 10.On September 13, 2018, Plaintiff obtained her Trans Union credit disclosure which showed that Defendant failed or refused to flag the Alleged Debt as disputed, in violation of the FDCPA.
- 11.In the credit reporting industry, data furnishers, such as the Defendant, communicate electronically with the credit bureaus.

- 12. Defendant had more than ample time to instruct Trans Union to flag its trade line as Disputed.
- 13. Defendant's inaction to have its trade line on Plaintiff's credit reports flagged as disputed was either negligent or willful.
- 14. Plaintiff suffered pecuniary and emotional damages as a result of

  Defendant's actions. Her credit report continues to be damaged due to the

  Defendant's failure to properly report the associated trade line.

### **VIOLATION OF**

## THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 15. Plaintiff reincorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 16.At all relevant times, Defendant, in the ordinary course of its business, regularly engaged in the practice of collecting debts on behalf of other individuals or entities.
- 17. Plaintiff is a "consumer" for purposes of the FDCPA, and the account at issue in this case is a consumer debt.
- 18. Defendant is a "debt collector" under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 19. Defendant's foregoing acts in attempting to collect this alleged debt violated the following provisions of the FDCPA:

- a. 15 U.S.C. §1692e by using false representations or misrepresenting the Alleged Debt by reporting credit information which is known to be false, including failure to report a disputed debt as disputed.
- 20. To date, and a direct and proximate cause of the Defendant's failure to honor its statutory obligations under the FDCPA, the Plaintiff has continued to suffer from a degraded credit report and credit score. Defendant has willfully continued to report false information on the Plaintiff's credit report.
- 21. Plaintiff has suffered economic, emotional, general, and statutory damages as a result of these violations of the FDCPA.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF PRAYS that this court grant her a judgment against Defendant for actual damages, costs, interest, and attorneys' fees.

## DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT RELIEF

Accordingly, Plaintiff requests that the Court grant her the following relief against the Defendant:

- a. Actual damages;
- b. Statutory damages;
- c. Statutory costs and attorneys' fees; and
- d. Exemplary and Punitive Damages for Defendant's willful violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

## **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by Jury.

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